



FREEDOM OF SEAS GRAVE PROBLEM

British Official Preparing Memorandum on Subject.

DEMANDS CONTROL DURING WAR

Outlines in a Speech at Liverpool Rights of Neutrals From a British Viewpoint - Says Great Britain With the Aid of America Will Do in Future Just What Has Been Done in Past Few Months.

London, Dec. 11.—Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney general, said in a speech at Liverpool that one of the gravest problems of the peace conference will be based on what is meant by "freedom of the seas" and what concessions Great Britain is going to make in that direction. He added that he was engaged in preparing a memorandum on the subject for the war cabinet.

"America has rendered brilliant service in the cause of civilization," Sir Frederick said, "and Great Britain is bound to approach the conference with a determination to concede everything possible to American sentiment and American views, having regard for national security and existence of the empire."

"Americans must remember that the seas are free to everyone in peace time and that to none has that freedom been denied. In time of war, however, one might as well talk of the freedom of the land as the freedom of the sea. Imagine Belgium, northern France or Serbia talking about freedom of the land. The moment war arises great coercive and primeval forces assert themselves and the region of law is abandoned for the assertion of naval and military forces. Belligerents during the war had a right to carry on war."

"Neutrals had the right to carry on trade. But if there was a collision between the right of belligerents to put restraint upon enemy and the right of neutrals to carry on trade, the subordinate right of the neutrals had to give way to the imperious primary right of the belligerent."

"It has been recognized for more than three centuries that a nation which is supreme is as much entitled to impose its will maritimately on inferior enemies by blockade as a nation stronger on land is able to impose its will maritimately on a weaker nation."

"I am not sure that Great Britain will not have to say to the allies at the peace conference: 'We shall be quite satisfied with such a definition of freedom of the seas as will enable the British navy, in the unfortunate event of future wars, to do exactly what the British navy, aided by the American navy, has been doing for the last 18 months.'"

COMING HOME

Sailings of Different Units Given Out by General March. Washington, Dec. 11.—General March announced the sailing of the following units for the United States: Transport Mercury, sailed Dec. 6 with 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th Casual companies; 5th Anti-Aircraft battery; Major General Harry F. Hodges and party; patients, 38 bedridden and 510 others. Transport Maury, sailed Dec. 6 with 80 bedridden patients, two mental cases, 13 isolated and 2,098 other cases. Transport Otsego, sailed Dec. 6 with 10 civilians. The L'Ocident, sailed Dec. 6 with one officer and 25 civilians. The Zulerdajk, sailed Dec. 6 with 11 anti-aircraft batteries. The Blison, sailed Dec. 6 with four railroad ordnance repair shop units. The Metatan, sailed Dec. 7 with 37 officers and 13 men, casuals.

EMBARGO ON HOGS

Washington, Dec. 11.—An embargo on hog shipments to the United States, Chicago, until Thursday, was authorized by the railroad administration. The yards now have enough accumulation on hand and in transit to keep them busy until Thursday and the embargo to prevent serious congestion was recommended by the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture and stockyards officials. Shipments will be resumed Thursday. A 15 per cent reduction in price of hogs was made by the stability committee of the United States food administration.

POSTOFFICE BILL INTRODUCED

Washington, Dec. 11.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill providing extensive salary increases, appropriations of \$2,185,000 for the airplane service and appropriation of \$1,000,000 for rural parcel post motor truck service, was introduced in the house. The bill is lower than last year, carrying \$359,657,577, against \$361,477,577 in the previous bill.

BRITAIN'S PEACE DELEGATES

London, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd-George, Foreign Secretary Balfour and Chancellor Bonar Law have been decided upon as British delegates to the peace conference, the Express says. It understands. Appointment of a labor representative will depend upon the outcome of the general elections.

The Democrat and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one year, \$5. A smoker stand always pleases a man. See our line of smoking stands and handbags at W.A.J. McDaniel's.

MEXICO HIT BY "FLU"

Most Fatal Epidemic in History of Country.

Shortage of Necessary Drugs One of Reasons for Heavy Death Rate.

Laredo, Tex.—According to reliable information brought here by arrivals from various portions of Mexico, the present epidemic of Spanish influenza in that country has been the most fatal epidemic in the history of Mexico, the death rate exceeding that caused by any previous epidemic of typhus, yellow fever or smallpox. The undertakers of Mexico were caught in the influenza epidemic without practically any supply of coffins or caskets on hand, and even the old custom of renting caskets for burial purposes only, after which the body is removed at the grave and placed in a pine box, had to be abandoned, as some of the wealthier class were buried in caskets that were formerly used for rental purposes only.

In Mexico City it is estimated that at least 40,000 cases of influenza were in that city the middle of October, many cases developing into pneumonia and causing several thousand deaths, these latter being mostly among the poor people who contracted the disease and were compelled to lie down on the dirt floors of their jacksals and there contracted pneumonia and died. A big death rate also occurred among the better class, despite the care given them. In Guadalajara, Guanajuato, Toluca, Tampico, Saltillo and Monterrey the number of cases of influenza were heavy, while the death rate was likewise heavy. In Vera Cruz over one-third of those stricken with the influenza are said to have succumbed to subsequent pneumonia. In many places the heavy death rate in Mexico was due to the shortage of aspirin, quinine and other necessary drugs used in the cure of influenza.

NO BISMARCKS—BUT LOTS OF KELLY ROLLS

Springfield, Ill.—Heard in a popular eating place here: Patron—Gimme a cuppa' Bismarcks, an' a cuppa' coffee. Waitress (with hang-dog look)—Ain't got no Bismarcks. Patron (pointing)—There they are, right there. Waitress—Oh, them ain't Bismarcks; them's Kelly rolls! Patron—Aw' right, gimme some Kelly rolls, then.

PATRIOTS CUT PASTOR'S HAIR

Mennonite is Roughly Handled for Failure to Aid War Work Drive.

Urbana, Ind.—United war work solicitors in Salem township, this county, took Rev. S. E. Allgier, Mennonite preacher, from his home, where a cottage prayer meeting was in progress, and after his refusal to subscribe to the fund, clipped his hair with horse clippers. Other Mennonite homes were visited, but subscriptions were forthcoming. Some heard of the impending visit and sent their subscriptions in during the afternoon.

The minister was called to the door and asked for his subscription. He stated that he didn't know to whom he was talking. His porch light was turned on, and every member of the committee and his neighbors stood out clearly. After parleying a while he flatly refused to donate and some cried: "Bring him out." Allgier ran into the house, pursued by members of the committee. Two women were bowled over in the scuffle, but the minister was taken outside.

After another refusal he was taken into the road in front of his home, and while his wife embraced him, holding an American flag over him, the ancient pulling horse-clippers were applied. The men then went on their way.

BUYS LICENSE FOR DEAD PET

Court Rules That Dog's Demise Does Not Relieve Man of Responsibility.

Kansas City, Mo.—"You're charged with failure to buy a license for your dog. Guilty or not guilty?" asked the assistant city counselor of A. M. Brown, in the South side court. "Guilty," answered Brown. "But," he continued, "Luther died yesterday. He was eighteen years old, and coughed himself to death."

"No excuse," replied Mossman. "You obtained no license for the dog in the past ten months. You must pay one now."

The judge concurred with the counselor.

ENEMY ALIEN BUYS BONDS

Interned Austrian Invests Money He Earned in Camp in Canada.

Vancouver, B. C.—Boso Pasin, an Austrian at the internment camp here, subscribed for \$150 worth of Victory bonds. In order, he says, to atone in some measure for the havoc wrought by the brutality of his countrymen in declaring war on Serbia. The money subscribed was earned since Pasin entered the camp.

SHOULD REFRAIN FROM POLITICS

Legislature Urged to Confine Itself to Serving the State.

TABER ADDRESSES GRANGERS

Head of Organization Discusses New Property Classification Amendment and Warns Against Radicalism. Recommends Ratification of Federal Dry Amendment and Financial Relief For Cities.

Canton, O., Dec. 11.—In his annual address here L. J. Taber of Barnesville, master of the Ohio State Grange, urged that Governor Cox and the next general assembly, being of opposite political faiths, should refrain from an unseemly struggle for partisan advantage and confine themselves with disinterested patriotism to the service of the state. Taber said 31 new granges and 5,000 new members were added during the year. He put next year's goal at 100 new granges and a total membership of 100,000. He urged a patrol system for maintenance and repair of improved highways and the use of prison labor in road construction. During the reconstruction period road building should be made a shock absorber against unemployment, he said.

Discussing the new property classification amendment, he said: "The new amendment must be used for the benefit of taxpayers and not tax dodgers. If a low rate is to be placed on any class of property we would suggest that property owned and occupied by the owner as a home, whether it be in the country or town, should pay a lower rate than property used for money-making purposes."

Taber warned against "radicalism, Bolshevism, the I. W. W., the direct-action Socialist, the free-love atheist and the half-baked anarchist," and recommended these things for the grange's legislative program: Ratification of the federal dry amendment, strict state prohibition enforcement laws, a pure seed law, strengthening of the bureau of markets, appropriation for prompt payment of live stock killed by the state, a state rural police system to protect against lawless auto speeding and violation of fish and game laws, a larger road repair fund, graduated scale of taxes on autos and trucks, financial relief for cities without existing rural communities to new debt-paying methods and without breaking the Smith 1 per cent law, raising of added revenues from new sources, as income and inheritance taxes, and increased revenues for schools.

SENATOR'S CHARGE

Claims Hog Island Probe Reveals Vulgar Thievery.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Failure of the senate commerce committee to make a report on its investigation of the Hog Island shipyard and of government officials to make public the report of the department of justice's inquiry into the building of the plant was the subject of discussion in the senate. In asking why the senate committee had not reported, Senator King of Utah, Democrat, declared that evidence before the committee had revealed a "great deal of vulgar robbery, thievery and stealing."

Senator Vandaman of Mississippi, a member of the committee, said that while it was true that the inquiry had not finally been closed, he believed sufficient information is at hand to warrant congress in taking action to abrogate certain contracts. The Mississippi senator said that the department of justice's report had been made to the president and by him turned over to Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who now is in Europe. "I should like to see that report very much," the senator declared.

TOLEDO SCHOOLS CLOSED

Toledo, Dec. 11.—Health authorities here decided to close the public and parochial schools on account of influenza. Records show 5,200 pupils out of 33,000 in the public schools were absent as the result of illness.

REPORT SHOWS INCREASE

More Schools Are Centralized Throughout the State.

Columbus, Dec. 9.—Centralization and consolidation of rural schools showed a healthy growth in the last year. The annual statistical report of the department of public instruction, compiled by H. D. Sweeney, statistician in the department, shows there are 656 centralized schools in Ohio, an increase of 46 over 1917. Although northeastern Ohio is foremost in the number, all except eight counties now have one or more centralized schools. Ashtabula county ranks highest, with 25; Trumbull has 23 and Geauga 20.

The number of women teachers, compared with the number of men, increased greatly, especially in elementary schools. The drift of teachers into other employment was most noticeable in the country.

A Gunn Sectional Book Case makes a lasting gift. "Give your books a home." Beautiful in design, have the appearance of a solid case; no iron bands between sections. See the Gunn cases at W.A.J. McDaniel's.

DOCTORS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election of officers of the Mercer County Medical Society was held at the regular meeting last Tuesday evening, although there was scarcely a quorum present to transact business. The election resulted as follows: President—J. B. Simous, of Rockford. Vice President—W. H. Thompson, of Celina. Secretary—D. H. Richardson, of Celina. Treasurer—L. D. Brown, of Celina. Censor—J. A. Schrack, of St. Henry. Legislatur Committee—D. H. Richardson.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 14.

TOWN AGAIN HIT BY INFLUENZA BAN

The Celina Board of Health again last Friday concluded that the interests of the public could best be served by closing up the schools, churches, picture shows, lodges and dance halls and the public places, of public assemblies. The ban was put on pool, billiard and bowling, and loitering even where prohibited. Funerals must be private, visiting at infected homes must cease, and all cases promptly reported.

SCHINDLER APPOINTED TO FILL CLERK VACANCY

Clerk of Courts-elect Herbert Schindler has been appointed by the Commissioner to fill the vacancy in the County Clerk's office caused by the death of J. B. Haslinger. As Mr. Schindler is soon to assume the duties of this office, to which he was elected last November, it was a good stroke of business that the Commissioner seen fit to induct coming incumbent rather than break in another for a time hardly sufficient to enable him to get half familiar with the work of the office.

Local Briefs

News reached relatives in this city the first of the week of the death of Mrs. Ellen Wain, of Saginaw, Mich. The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Bernadina Forthoff, of North Mill street, this city. She was born at St. Henry and was 28 years old.

Herman Metzner, a former Celina boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metzner of Tokio, Van Wert County, is reportedly married at Honolulu, his bride being a Miss Hazel Bay, of San Francisco, Calif. The wedding took place Oct. 29.

Ex-Judge Orville Raudabaugh sailed from New York for France last Monday, according to a telegram received by Mrs. Raudabaugh the same day. He was accompanied by Y. M. C. A. overseas work.

Lieutenant John A. Metzner, former Celina boy, was in town Monday on his way home from Camp Gordon, Ga., having been honorably discharged from service. The family now reside in Van Wert county.

St. Paul's M. E. Aid Society holds a market at Deitsch's grocery tomorrow (Saturday).

Dr. J. E. Hattery was slightly injured Monday evening when on his way to visit a patient, when the car he was driving went to the west side of the reservoir bank at the first curve beyond the corporation limits. A heavy fog caused him to lose his bearings. His car was arrested in its descent by hitting a tree, but in the collision he had his lower lip badly cut and was otherwise bruised. He was brought back to town by Walter Howell and his injuries attended to by Drs. Richardson and Thompson. The machine, badly battered, was brought to town Tuesday morning.

Sheriff-elect Bertz has been appointed Deputy by Sheriff Humphrey to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Schindler to take up the work of Clerk of Courts. George looks familiar about the Sheriff's office and will soon be appointing his own deputy.

PROBE SOUGHT

Pointdexter Hints at Questionable Activities in Army Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Pointdexter, Washington, introduced a resolution for investigation of the ordnance and quartermaster departments by the senate military affairs committee. Hinting at questionable activities which he intimated might have delayed production of guns and shells for the army, Pointdexter said that "if some traitors and spies had been executed in the early days of the war the lives of better men might have been saved."

Pershing League Legal

Columbus, Dec. 9.—Attorney General McGehe ruled that corporations for political purposes may be formed in Ohio and that a charter should be granted to the Pershing Republican league, of which former Senator Charles Dick, Akron, is principal incorporator. The object of the league is to boost General Pershing for president.

To Manage Game Farm

Columbus, Dec. 10.—Secretary of Agriculture Shaw appointed Harry Grace, for three years superintendent of the Turtle Lake game farm, superintendent of the new Ohio game farm at Wellington, Lorain county. Grace for years was superintendent of the Michigan state game farm. His salary will be \$1,800 and five house rent. He begins duties Dec. 15.

Wanted—Agents

Earn big money. Every housekeeper wants Madam Blumer's Blumeroy. 25c package. Saves cost of 48 eggs in baking and cooking. Goes like wildfire. Mrs. Fiske made \$8.25. Mrs. Ritter \$6.75 in a day. You can, too. Free samples. F. Blumer, Lincoln avenue and Roscoe, Chicago.

A Stewart Red Cedar Chest is a safe storage for valuable fur and clothing. A red cedar chest would be a very pleasing and welcome gift for any woman. See the line of cedar chests at W.A.J. McDaniel's.

"BROAD" TRENARY PIONEER CITIZEN

Cross Divide, Followed by Wife Last Monday

F. B. Trenary (best known to the people of Celina and vicinity as "Broad" Trenary), aged more than four-score years, died after an illness of but a day last Friday afternoon at his home on North Walnut street. The day before he was down town doing his marketing, as was his custom, apparently in his usual health, however, he complained of not feeling well, and a few hours after his spirit took its flight.

Mr. Trenary was born in Miami county, this state, March 4, 1836. With his father he came to Mercer county the next year. At the age of 26 he entered the army and served some time in the civil war in the west. In 1868 he was married to Miss Catherine Kampf, and settled on the farm his father entered in 1837. To them four children were born—Mrs. Lucy Andrews, Mrs. Flora Fetters, Miss Mollie, at home, and Warren L. Trenary, chairman of the local draft board. The wife died in 1888.

In 1892 the deceased took a second wife in the person of Clara Elsass. The last few years the couple lived in this city, residing on North Walnut street.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday morning and the remains taken to Wapakoneta and placed in the mausoleum.

Death of Wife Soon Follows

Mrs. Trenary, wife of the deceased, who suffered a second paralytic stroke a few weeks since, was critically ill at the time of Mr. Trenary's death, and died Monday afternoon, a short time after the return of the funeral party from Wapakoneta. Mrs. Trenary was 59 years of age and born in Anglin county, Ohio.

Funeral services for the deceased woman were held Wednesday morning Rev. Ruch, of Ft. Recovery, officiating. The remains were also taken to Wapakoneta and deposited in the mausoleum.

CHLOE YINGLING PASSES OVER THE GREAT DIVIDE

Chloe (Peg) Yingling, aged a'out 40 years, one of the best known characters about town, died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. Noam Pearson, after an illness of about two weeks. Death was said to be due to influenza. The deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Yingling, who are now absent in Pennsylvania. Chloe Yingling might have been a useful citizen but for drink, and in his sober states was a pleasant and gentlemanly fellow, big hearted and generous.

Ditch work to be Sold

The Fleming ditch, in Blackcreek township, petitioned by C. A. Gephart, will be sold at the court house at 1 o'clock this afternoon, by Surveyor Morrison. The total estimated cost of the work is \$20.72.

Must Sue Railroad

Cleveland, Dec. 11.—Personal Injury suits should be brought against railroad companies and not against the railway director general, according to a ruling by Judge Willis Vlekery of the common pleas court here. W. G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, recently held that he, instead of individual railroads, must be made defendant in such suits.

Dr. White Loses Appeal

Columbus, Dec. 11.—Dr. William H. White, Cleveland, removed January, 1917, as chief medical examiner for the state industrial commission, lost his fight for reinstatement when the supreme court allowed the industrial commission's application for a writ of prohibition to prevent the Franklin county common pleas court from hearing his appeal.

BETHEL

Neal Florence and wife, Amos Florence and Mrs. Victoria Deem were at Hartford City, Ind., Friday visiting relatives.

Sam Norris and sons delivered two loads of hogs to Coldwater Saturday.

Bertha and Glen Florence visited Golda Hasson one day last week.

Mrs. Victoria Deem, who has been visiting her uncle, Neal Florence, and other relatives, was called to her home at Indianapolis Saturday by the sudden illness of her children.

John Lininger and family and George Dandon and wife called on Robert and Sallie Jamieson Sunday afternoon.

Will Moore and family and Will Hotte and wife spent Sunday with John Granger and wife at Coldwater.

Ivy and Minnie Eblen spent Sunday with Pauline and Fern Hasson.

John Lininger and family called on Will Kantzer and family Sunday evening.

Will Moore, wife and son John, and Amos and Bertha Florence were out riding Sunday evening.

Give Furniture for Xmas

Put your gift money into presents that will brighten the home. "Give furniture for Xmas." Every home needs some new piece of furniture—a new rocking chair, library table, Gunn's sectional book case, bedavenport, dining table, dining chairs, buffet, ladies' writing desk, and many other pieces that are useful every day in the year. These are gifts that count. For good furniture gifts, call at W. A. J. McDaniel's.

Mrs. Clifford McIlroy Dead from Attack of Influenza

Mrs. Clifford McIlroy, aged 23 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher, in this city, last Monday evening. The deceased was born in Blackcreek township, this county, July 6, 1893, and was wedded to Mr. McIlroy in October, 1911. Besides the husband, two children, Edith and Irma, survive her. Funeral services, held on Wednesday, were private.

THE GRIM REAPER

George Helmer, aged 66 years, a well known resident of Durbin, this county, died at his home there last Sunday. Death was due to dropsy, from which he had long been a sufferer. The deceased was born in Shelby county, but had long been a resident of Durbin. He was noted in his time as a champion sheep shearer, an art in which he was considered an expert. A wife and two children survive him.

Funeral services were held at Swamp College church last Tuesday, Rev. Lyons of the Church of God in charge.

Mrs. Ocie May Kester, aged 29, wife of George Kester, passed away at their home on East Anthony street this city, last Sunday morning after a week's illness of influenza. Mr. Kester had just passed through a siege of the disease when his wife was stricken. Besides the husband, the deceased is survived by two small children.

Funeral services, which were held on Wednesday, were private. Interment at Swamp College cemetery.

Mrs. John H. Kable, aged 59 years, died at her home near Chattanooga last Tuesday night after a short illness of influenza. Besides her husband, she is survived by four children.

Miss Edith Knapke, aged 18 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knapke, residing northwest of this city, last Monday. Death resulted from an attack of influenza, followed by double pneumonia. The deceased girl had been employed in the home of W. T. Palmer, of this city, up to a few days before her fatal illness, when she was taken to the home of her parents. Besides the parents, she is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Miss Mary Meyers, aged 19, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Meyers, residing southwest of this city, died after a brief illness of influenza last Tuesday morning. She had been working as a domestic in the home of O. Kentsch, became sick Saturday and Sunday was removed to home of her mother.

Henry Grube, aged about 45, a well known resident of Liberty township, died at his home near Chattanooga early last Wednesday morning after a brief illness. Death is attributed to influenza. He is survived by a wife and four daughters.

Pure Seed Law Sought

Columbus, Dec. 11.—State board of agriculture and the agricultural extension department of Ohio State university are co-operating in the drafting of a pure seed law, which will be introduced at the coming legislature. It will provide for the marking by dealers of all seed packages, showing the exact percentage of weed seeds and worthless materials.

State to Buy Candy

Columbus, Dec. 10.—The purchasing department of the board of administration is asking for bids for more than five tons of candy, to be distributed among 23,000 wards of the state on Christmas day. Last year, because of government regulations on the use of sugar, no candy was distributed. Each inmate will receive half a pound.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

LEGAL NOTICE—SALE OF BONDS

Said proposals will be received at the office of the village of award of bonds, State of Ohio, until 1 o'clock noon of Tuesday, January the 15th, A.D. 1919, for the purchase of bonds for the building of the aggregate sum of \$20,000.00, dated December 15th, 1918, and shall run for a period of ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight and twenty-nine years from that date. Each bond being in the sum of \$1,000.00 and bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of extending the time of payment of certain indebtedness, incurred by the Village of Celina, Ohio, in connection with the Water Works and Electric Light Plant, Highway Improvement, East Livingston Street Improvement, Refunding Bonds, Repair of City Building and interest thereon, and that incurred by certificates of indebtedness and other improvements of said village, and under the authorization of the laws of Ohio, and under and according to the provisions of an act of the Village of Celina, State of Ohio, entitled "To provide for the building of the Village of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of extending the time of payment of certain indebtedness, when from its limits of taxation, the said Village is unable to pay at maturity." Passed on the 12th day of November, 1918.

Said bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than par and accrued interest. All bids must state the number of bonds bid for and the gross amount of bid and accrued interest to date of delivery.

All bids to be accompanied by currency amounting to 10 per cent of the amount to be received, deposited with the Treasurer of the Village, upon condition that if the bid is accepted the bidder will receive and pay for such bonds as may be issued as above set forth, within ten days of the time of award. Said money to be retained by the Village if said condition is not fulfilled. All bids not accepted, money will be immediately returned. The Village of Celina, Ohio, reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids should be sealed and endorsed, "Bids for Refunding Bonds." Dated: December 12, 1918.

J. W. WINTER, Clerk.

CLERK OF COURTS HASLINGER DEAD

Sudden Passing of Official Shock to Community

The death of Clerk of Courts J. B. Haslinger early last Friday morning came as a surprise as well as a shock to the community, for few people of the town were aware he was ill at all. It was known that members of his family were ill and that he had been home since Monday aiding in their care, all victims of influenza. So sudden and unheralded was his passing that it was first thought the announcement was a mistake, that it must be some member of I's family, as all but one son were known to be sick with the dread disease which so suddenly claimed the husband and father.

Clerk Haslinger was yet a young man, but enjoyed a large acquaintance, and was popular as an official and a citizen. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

Mr. Haslinger was completing his second term as Clerk of Courts, an office which he had admirably filled. He was a real public servant, efficient, painstaking and accommodating.

Mr. Haslinger was born at Maria Stein, this county, April 26, 1872, and was a son of Wm. and Catharine Haslinger. Previous to his election of Clerk of Courts he was engaged in business with his father at Coldwater. He was honored by the people of that place, whom he served as treasurer for three terms. At his death he was a director and stockholder of the People's Bank at Coldwater.

The deceased was wedded to Miss Catherine Salmon at Philadelphia, January 19, 1905. The wife and four children—Ivo, Ena, Isabelle and Monica—survive him.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and were private.

VERSAILLES PASTOR GETS CALL LOCAL LUTHERANS

A call has been tendered to Rev. John Einfall, of Versailles, by St. John's Lutheran congregation of this city, which has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. Reitz a couple months or more ago.

GAST BOYS VICTIMS OF INFLUENZA

Carl and Eugene Gast, ages 17 and 18, respectively, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Gast, of North Cherry street, are both dead as the result of dread Spanish influenza.

Both were ill but a few days. Carl, the youngest of the two boys, passed away Sunday. Eugene's death occurred Wednesday. Medical science failed to stay the hand of the relentless reaper.

Both boys were the pride and hope of their parents, were favorites among their fellows, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all with whom they came in contact.

EX-COMMISSIONER SCHWIETERMANN DEAD

Henry H. Schwietermann, aged 76 years, one of the best known pioneer citizens of the south end of the county, died at his home in Franklin township last Wednesday morning. Death was due to diabetes. The deceased was born in this county, September 14,